25-YEAR STATISTICAL TRENDS

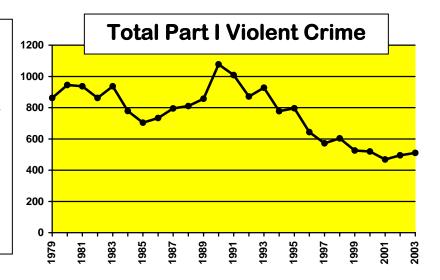


Total Crime

The total crime index has fallen 52% since 1978 and 35% from 1992. Serious crime numbers have been on a steady decline since the late 1970s, with the exception of two spikes at the turn of two decades. These spikes were caused by a sharp increase in property crimes in 1980 and a sharp increase in violent crimes in 1990. The 2003 decline of 10%, 435 fewer incidents than in 2002, is the third largest yearly decline in the index total since 1980.

Violent Crime

Violent crime totals include totals for the crimes of murder, rape, robbery, and assault. Totals were fairly unsteady in the 1980s. The late years of the decade were marked by a great increase in incidents—reflective of the nation's epidemic of gang and drug violence combined with greater reporting of domestic assaults. Since 1990, violent crime totals have been steadily declining, but have been marked by small spikes every other year. This year's total replicates this pattern.



Property Crime

Property crime totals include totals for the crimes of burglary, larceny, and auto theft. Property crime usually accounts for 80-90% of the Part I total, which explains why the graph to the left mirrors the graph at the top so closely. Totals have fallen 46% since 1979 and 30% since 1992. Burglary and auto theft have produced enormous decreases over the past two decades, but larceny (common theft) has remained fairly steady. The 13% decrease in property crime this year was the largest in the past 10 years.